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The 17 August arrest of William Kampiles on charges of espionage led to the most thorough examination ever undertaken of our security policies and procedures from a personnel, information control, and physical security standpoint. Some questionable practices were forcefully brought to our attention as a result of this case. As we perceive them, they fall in three broad categories:

- Assigning newly hired unproven employees to areas where there is a concentration of highly classified, sensitive information.

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- The general lack of security consciousness among our employees which, if not present, might have caused someone in Kampiles' office to notice that the document was missing and report it to proper authorities.

One day after Kampiles' arrest the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence demanded a "total and comprehensive review of all personnel security, physical security and procedural security activities of this Agency." A copy of this memorandum is attached as Tab A. The Task Force which was formed to review these issues submitted an interim report on 31 August 1978. A copy of this report is attached as Tab B. The complete review is targetted for completion prior to 3 November 1978.

It was recognized, however, that some immediate interim action had to be taken to bring particularly sensitive documents under control. Consequently, on 1 September 1978, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence sent out a memorandum to accomplish this goal. Every element of the Agency was tasked with first identifying and immediately instituting a system of personal accountability and segregated storage for such materials. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Tab C.

Over the past year a number of steps have been taken toward tightening security in the Intelligence Community.